



Pawtuckaway Beekeepers Association

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Calendar

January 16, 2012 7-9 PM
Pawtuckaway Beekeeper's
Monthly meeting @ Masonic
Lodge, Candia, N.H.

February 20, 2012 7-9 PM
Pawtuckaway Beekeeper's
Monthly meeting @ Masonic
Lodge, Candia, N.H.

March 19, 2012 7-9 PM
Pawtuckaway Beekeeper's
Monthly meeting @ Masonic
Lodge, Candia, N.H.

April 16, 2012 7-9 PM
Pawtuckaway Beekeeper's
Monthly meeting @ Masonic
Lodge, Candia, N.H.

Sign-up for Beekeeping Emails

**If you would like to receive periodic emails from
EAS Master Beekeepers Dave and Dorinda Priebe
sign-up by sending email to Dave at:**

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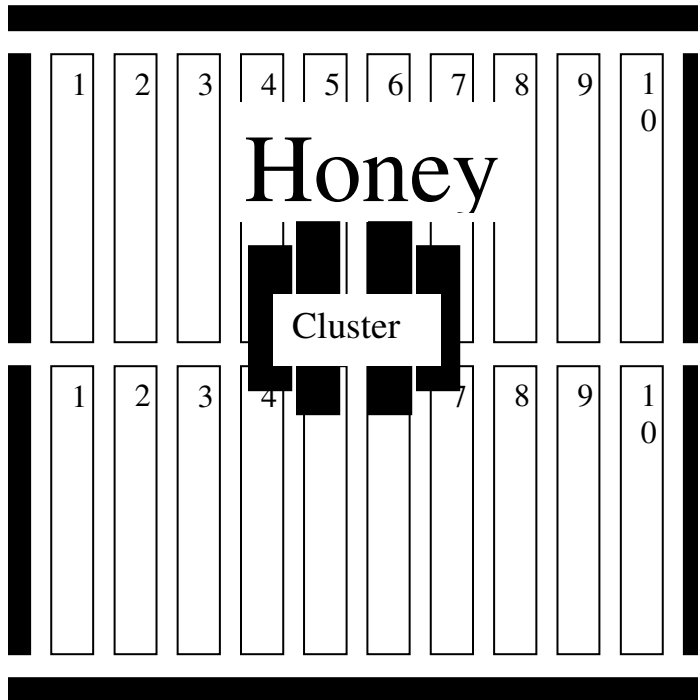
PLEASE NOTE NEW PBA MEETING LOCATION:

PBA CLUB MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE:

MASONIC LODGE, 12 SOUTH ROAD, CANDIA NEW HAMPSHIRE

(MASONIC LODGE IS ACROSS THE STREET FROM CANDIA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH)

Winter Colony



Winter Activities:

- Prepare to emergency feed bees
- Study Honey Bee Biology
- Inspect & Repair Equipment
- Plan this year's apiary goals
- Order new equipment & assemble
- Order bees
- Plan to attend EAS 2012

Winter cluster has consumed most of the honey and pollen in the lower hive body and is moving into the upper hive body. The cluster size changes according to outside temperatures.

"Honey Bee Biology and Beekeeping" - D.M.Caron

“What is the beekeeper’s role at this time? It is, as always, to ensure the well-being of the colony. First, recognize that every winter is different. Warmer, colder, more or less snow, more or less wind, greater or lesser amounts of honey or pollen on hand as winter begins, greater or lesser population – these and other factors vary from year to year and influence the condition and strength of the colony. For instance, a relatively warm winter can mean higher consumption of stores because of increased activity in the hive. A relatively colder winter can mean higher consumption too, simply to sustain life in the harsher temperatures. Each variation in conditions can have its subtle effect. The beekeeper must remain aware of all the conditions that may affect the bees and should be ready to take some concrete steps.”

“There are three basic causes of winterkill: starvation, disease, and queenlessness.”

Excerpts from: “*Hive Management – A Seasonal Guide for Beekeepers*”, Richard E. Bonney

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Nov - Dec 11</u>	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Donations	5.00	Thanks Cecile and Kevin
Meeting Raffle	25.00	
Membership Dues	90.00	
Total Income	<u>120.00</u>	
Gross Profit	120.00	
Expense		
Bank Service Charges	6.00	
Internet Service	28.00	
Jars-Reimbursement	-47.19	
Office Supplies	11.99	
Postage	167.64	
Total Expense	<u>166.44</u>	
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-46.44</u>	
Net cash increase for period	<u>-46.44</u>	
Cash at beginning of period	<u>6,170.96</u>	
Cash at end of period	<u><u>6,124.52</u></u>	

Hello fellow PBA members,

2012 dues are currently due. If you wish, you can register for both PBA and NHBA at the same time. Consider receiving your newsletter by email to save on postage for the club.

Have a Happy and Nice New Year! Respectfully submitted, Moe L'Heureux

Letter From PBA President George Dean

Hello fellow beekeepers. I and your other officers hope all of you had a pleasant holiday and wish you a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year!

To begin, the New Year brings one important and immediate change and that is our location. We are moving from the school and our first meeting January on the 16th will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Candia. The lodge is located at #12 South Road and a map showing the new location is enclosed with the newsletter. If anyone has any questions they can contact me at gmdean@metrocast.net, call me at 942-5217, or ask any of the other officers who can also help. The meetings will continue to begin at 7PM the third Monday of the month unless otherwise indicated.

FARMO is on the horizon scheduled for February 3rd and 4th at the Radisson Hotel on Elm Street in Manchester. As is usual, we will be looking for help to man the NHBA booth for those days. Your job will be to answer questions from the curious and undoubtedly, rolling candles...a pastime that once you get the hang of it is actually fun!! In the past, the shifts have been 3 hours and for any who would like to participate, more information will be available at our January meeting.

Time to order bees for the coming year! If you took advantage of the recent warm weather to do a quick inspection you may have been able to make a reasonable guess whether your hives will make it through the winter and into spring. If not or if you want to increase your 'yard' you need to be ordering nucs or packages now! We should have information on where these can be ordered at the meeting. You might want to spend some of your idle time inventorying and readying your equipment and if you require more woodenware, jars and other equipment, get them now too. Ben and Bev have a dizzying array of beekeeping equipment and jars and they will be back from their annual trip to the beekeeping convention in February so you can get stuff from them too. The newsletter gives their information.

It may be a little early but I am trying to find out if we can get fondant for early feeding and make it available at this or the next meeting.

Although no definitive decision has been made regarding a Beekeepers School this year, it is reasonable to believe it will take place. To that end, help running that enterprise will be necessary and this would include people willing to provide instruction in topics such as; bee basics, physiology, diseases, hive construction, early hive management, collecting and extracting honey, labeling, the ABC's of selling, etc. I expect to have more information at the time of the meeting and those of you who think you might want to be involved can talk with someone then.

It has been a while since I have had any officer responsibility and I would like to enlist the help of all in provide suggestions as to what you might like the meetings to include.

I couldn't leave without mentioning association and State dues are due. If you expect to attend any of the State meetings you will want to be a member. There are benefits and almost any of the officers can list them for you. The Spring State meeting is scheduled to be held from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on March 24. Details are not yet available but make sure you include it on your calendar.

By the way, and as the Treasurer will reinforce, the club is trying to get everyone who has a pc to receive their newsletters by email. It saves the club money and you get it faster. In addition there are about two years of newsletters on-line that you can go back to for info you may have missed. This is thanks to our Webmaster, who does an incredible job,

For the association, the latter part of 2011 was, sadly, marred by difficulties, animosities and acrimoniousness that were totally unnecessary, unproductive, and at best, divisive. In the coming year I hope that **all** members will keep in mind that this is a club, social in nature, informal in structure, intending to be informative but, more importantly, it is also supposed to be fun! The above are my feelings and I feel confident they are views shared by my fellow officers.

Doc Howard PBA Library: Books are available for check out. We have a web page for the library. Be sure to visit the website. Winter is a great time for studying honey bee biology and beekeeping.

Members looking to check out books can contact Colin: ctegan@comcast.net

DVD Librarian is Kevin Lefebvre.

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